

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2003 - FY2008**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Number of Releases	12,538	13,489	13,565	13,716	13,499	12,807
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Within One Year or Less	12.4%	12.1%	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%
Within Two Years or Less	24.9%	24.5%	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%
Within Three Years or Less	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%
Within Four Years or Less	37.4%	38.4%	39.1%	38.8%	37.7%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	41.3%	42.1%	42.6%	42.0%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Overall Rate	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%
Gender						
Males	34.0%	34.4%	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%
Females	22.7%	22.2%	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	22.1%	24.0%	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%
Parole	31.1%	29.1%	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%
Probation	43.5%	42.1%	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%
Community Supervision		29.6%	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	52.7%	53.4%	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	28.4%	33.9%	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	44.2%	43.5%	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%
25-30 Years	28.2%	30.7%	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%
31-40 Years	31.8%	31.4%	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%
Over 40 Years	22.7%	23.8%	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	31.9%	28.2%	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%
Work Program	26.8%	25.9%	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%
Labor Crew	27.2%	27.1%	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%
Labor Crew/Work Program	27.4%	26.8%	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%
Prison Industry	31.4%	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	50.5%	51.7%	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%
Straight-time	29.7%	29.7%	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%
Criminal History **						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	33.5%	33.6%	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%
Had Commitment	36.4%	36.3%	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%
No Known Priors	25.7%	22.1%	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%

* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.

** Prior to FY05, all priors data based on manual entry of priors at intake; FY05 and after, priors data based on inmate's previous SCDC commitments and data entry of "all convictions" and "out-of-state commitments".